



## **Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of City Coordinator**

**Date:** April 29, 2002

**To:** Council Member Barbara Johnson, Chair  
Ways & Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** **New Central Library Project – Contract for Moving Services for the Interim Minneapolis Central Library**

### **Recommendation:**

Approve the New Central Library Implementation subcommittee recommendation to execute a contract with William B. Meyer Inc. for moving services for the Minneapolis Central Library and authorize proper officials to execute a contract for an amount not to exceed \$750,000

### **Previous Directives:**

February 11, 2002 Authorize issuance of an RFP for moving services for the Interim Library

October 22, 2001 Receive and File: Interim Library Location

December 11, 2001 Execute contract with Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd. for architectural and engineering services for the Interim Minneapolis Central Library

December 21, 2001 Execute lease with FRM Associates for operation of an Interim Central Library at 250 Marquette Ave.

December 21, 2001 Execute lease with Winnetka Properties for interim library storage off site.

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**Approved by:** John Moir, City Coordinator\_\_\_\_\_

**Presenters in Committee:** Richard A Johnson, Project Coordinator

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

- ☒ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget  
If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- ☐ Other financial impact (Explain):
- ☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Community Impact** (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification

City Goals

Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Code

Other

**Background/Supporting Information**

In November 2000, the citizens of Minneapolis approved a referendum in the amount of \$110 million for the purpose of building a new Minneapolis Central Library on the site of the current Central Library building. On August 23, 2001, the Implementation Committee authorized staff to proceed in finding and negotiating for a site for interim Central Library operations. On October 9, 2001, the Library Board authorized appropriate library staff and consultants to enter into lease negotiations with the owners of Marquette Plaza for this purpose, subject to mutually acceptable terms and conditions. These lease negotiations have been completed and were approved by the City Council on December 21, 2001 and by the Library Board on January 9, 2002.

Demolition and new construction are scheduled to begin November 1, 2002 and last through December 2005. The Library must move its collections and operations to various interim locations and vacate the current Central Library building by September 30, 2002.

The issuance of an RFP for a vendor to move the Central Library Collection was approved by the City Council on February 15, 2002. The RFP was sent to twenty-two vendors representing both local and national moving companies. Fourteen of these vendors participated in a mandatory tour of the current and interim library sites as well as the off site storage location. Nine vendors subsequently submitted responses to the RFP.

On March 19, the New Central Library Implementation Committee established a finance subcommittee to review the responses to the RFP and recommend a vendor for approval to the Library Board and Ways & Means Committee of the City Council. The Finance Subcommittee met on March 29, 2002 and on April 16, 2002 and recommended that the Library Board and City Council select William B. Meyer Inc. to move the Central Library.

Meyer has 14.5% MBE participation and 5.6% WBE participation.

Richard Johnson will be present at your meeting to respond to any questions.